



61

AF/IR

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07040.0217-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Claudio LACAGNINA)
Application No.: 10/530,364)
Filed: November 14, 2005) Group Art Unit: 1791
For: METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR)
ASSEMBLING TYRES FOR VEHICLE) Examiner: Knable, Geoffrey L.
WHEELS) CONFIRMATION NO.: 2971
)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed after a Final Office Action but before payment of the issue fee and is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified under § 1.17(p) and a statement as specified under § 1.97(e).

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a Notification of Reasons for Rejection ("Notification") from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of the Notification. A copy of the Notification and its English translation is enclosed. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also attached, along with English abstracts for each of the listed foreign documents. Additionally, English-language machine-translations are attached for JP

2002-200677 A and JP 2000-094542 A. Applicant does not necessarily endorse the conclusions set forth in the Notification.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

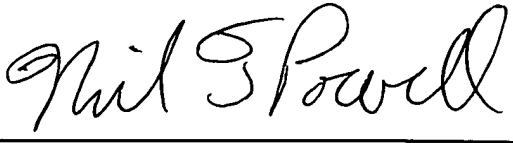
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: January 27, 2009

By: 
Neil T. Powell
Reg. No. 45,020